

Sermon Discussion Guide for small groups, families, or individuals

“JOSEPH & the Gospel of Many Colors: *The Restoration Project*”

Genesis 50

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For Starters

1. Do you enjoy restoration projects? Why?
2. What are you able to easily give up control of in your life? What things are difficult?

Digging In - Read Genesis 50

1. What words or phrases stand out? Why?
2. What themes have you observed about God or people from this series on the life of Joseph?
3. How do you see God's promise to Abraham (Gen. 12:2) being fulfilled in this chapter?
4. Describe Joseph's interaction with his brothers (15-18) in your own words. What do you think your mindset would be if you were in his shoes?
5. What is the theological significance of Genesis 50:20? How might this verse reshape how we understand evil events?
6. List the places where God is working to restore brokenness in this story. What are the implications of that for us today?

Bringing it Home

1. What are 1-2 takeaways from today or throughout our series on the life of Joseph?
2. How can we know if we struggle to submit to God's control?
3. How is God being in control a good thing? How can striving for control actually cause harm? Why can it be so hard to believe that God is in control?
4. What does a life of submitting control to God look like? What are the practical implications?
5. As we submit our lives to Christ, we naturally join God in his restorative work in the world. Name one specific relationship, organization or location in need of restoration and how God might want to work through you.

Digging Deeper: Take time to pray and release specific areas in your life where it is hard to give up control. Pray also for one specific relationship, organization or location in need of restoration, asking God how he might use you.

BELONGING TO A SMALL GROUP IS A GREAT WAY TO GROW SPIRITUALLY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN A GROUP OR GET MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT Heather Hudson at hudson@doorcreekchurch.org.